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**NOTICE ADOPTING ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS AMR CORPORATION AND  
AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. TO PLAINTIFFS' FOURTH AMENDED  
FLIGHT 11 MASTER LIABILITY COMPLAINT**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT defendants AMR CORPORATION and AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. hereby adopt their Master Answer to Plaintiffs' Fourth Amended Flight 11 Master Liability Complaint (a copy of which is attached) as their Answer to the Complaint in the above-captioned action. AMR CORPORATION and AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. hereby deny all allegations not specifically and expressly admitted in their Master Answer to Plaintiffs' Fourth Amended Flight 11 Master Liability Complaint.

WHEREFORE, defendants AMR CORPORATION and AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. respectfully request that the Complaint be dismissed, with costs, attorneys' fees, disbursements, and such other relief as the Court deems just and proper or, if such relief not be

granted, then that their liability be limited or reduced as prayed.

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Sarah R. Connelly, being duly sworn, deposes and says that deponent is not a party to the action, is over 18 years of age and resides in New York, New York, and that on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2007, deponent served the within NOTICE ADOPTING MASTER ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS AMR CORPORATION AND AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. TO PLAINTIFFS' FOURTH AMENDED FLIGHT 11 MASTER LIABILITY COMPLAINT and MASTER ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS AMR CORPORATION AND AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. TO PLAINTIFFS' FOURTH AMENDED FLIGHT 11 MASTER LIABILITY COMPLAINT upon:

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**MASTER ANSWER OF DEFENDANTS AMR CORPORATION AND AMERICAN  
AIRLINES, INC. TO PLAINTIFFS' FOURTH AMENDED FLIGHT 11  
MASTER LIABILITY COMPLAINT**

Defendants AMR Corporation ("AMR") and American Airlines, Inc. ("American"), by and through their attorneys, Condon & Forsyth LLP and Debevoise & Plimpton, answer Plaintiffs' Flight 11 Fourth Amended Master Liability Complaint (the "Complaint") as follows:

**BACKGROUND**

1. AMR and American deny all allegations set forth in the "BACKGROUND" section of the Complaint, except AMR and American do not dispute that plaintiffs' decedents were injured and killed as a result of the deliberate acts of terrorists who seized control of the aircraft and intentionally crashed it into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. AMR and American leave all questions of law to be decided by the Court.

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

2. AMR and American deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2, except AMR and American do not dispute that Public Law 107-42, "The Air Transportation Safety And System Stabilization Act," as amended by Public Law 107-71, "The Aviation and Transportation Security Act," creates original and exclusive jurisdiction in the United States District Court for

the Southern District of New York for all actions brought for claims resulting from or relating to the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001. AMR and American leave all questions of law to be decided by the Court.

3. The allegations in paragraphs 3 and 4 are not directed to AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent those allegations are intended to or can be construed to state a claim against AMR or American, they are denied.

### **THE PARTIES**

#### **PLAINTIFFS**

4. AMR and American deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 5, 6 and 7. AMR and American leave all questions of law to be decided by the Court.

#### **THE AIRLINE DEFENDANTS**

5. AMR and American admit the allegations set forth in paragraphs 8, 9 and 13.

6. AMR and American deny the allegations set forth in paragraphs 10, 11, 12 and 20, except AMR and American admit that American is a common carrier engaged in the business of transporting passengers by air and operates regularly scheduled flights from Logan Airport and that AMR is the parent corporation of American. AMR and American leave all questions of law to be decided by the Court.

7. The allegations in paragraphs 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 are not directed to AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent

those allegations are intended to or can be construed to state a claim against AMR or American, they are denied.

**THE NON-CARRYING AIRLINE DEFENDANTS**

8. The allegations in paragraphs 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 are not directed to AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent those allegations are intended to or can be construed to state a claim against AMR or American, they are denied.

**THE SECURITY COMPANY DEFENDANTS**

9. The allegations in paragraphs 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42 and 43 are not directed to AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent those allegations are intended to or can be construed against AMR or American, they are denied.

**AIRPORT OPERATOR DEFENDANT**

10. The allegations in paragraph 44 are not directed to AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent those allegations are intended to or can be construed to state a claim against AMR or American, they are denied.

**THE BOEING DEFENDANT**

11. The allegations in paragraphs 45, 46 and 47 are not directed at AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent those allegations are intended to or can be construed against AMR or American, they are denied.

**THE BUILDING OWNERS**

12. The allegations in paragraphs 48, 49 and 50 are not directed at AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent those allegations are intended to or can be construed against AMR or American, they are denied.

**THE BUILDING DEFENDANTS**

13. The allegations in paragraphs 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60 are not directed to AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent those allegations are intended to or can be construed to state a claim against AMR or American, they are denied.

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

14. AMR and American deny the allegations set forth in paragraphs 61, 62, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 93 and 101, except AMR and American admit that American was authorized by the United States Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration to operate Flight 11 and that American had a duty to operate Flight 11 in accordance with federal aviation laws and regulations. AMR and American leave all questions of law to be decided by the Court.

15. The allegations in paragraphs 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99 and 100 are not directed to AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent those allegations are intended to or can be construed to state a claim against AMR or American, they are denied.

16. AMR and American deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraphs 86, 88, 89, 90, 91 and 92. AMR and American leave all questions of law to be decided by the Court.



17. AMR and American admit the allegations set forth in paragraph 87.

**COUNT ONE**

**CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, WRONGFUL DEATH AND SURVIVAL DAMAGES, AGAINST THE AIRLINE DEFENDANTS, THE NON-CARRYING AIRLINE DEFENDANTS, THE SECURITY COMPANY DEFENDANTS, AND MASSPORT BASED ON NEGLIGENCE, NEGLIGENCE PER SE, RECKLESS CONDUCT AND CONSCIOUS DISREGARD FOR RIGHTS AND SAFETY**

18. Answering paragraph 102, AMR and American repeat, reiterate, and reallege each allegation, admission, and denial in paragraphs 1 through 17 of this Master Answer with the same force and effect as if set forth in full herein.

19. AMR and American deny the allegations set forth in paragraphs 103, 104, 105, 106, 108, 109 and 110, except AMR and American admit that American was authorized by the United States Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration to operate Flight 11 and that American had a duty to operate Flight 11 in accordance with federal aviation laws and regulations and AMR and American do not dispute that plaintiffs' decedents were injured and killed as a result of the deliberate acts of terrorists who seized control of the aircraft and intentionally crashed it into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. AMR and American leave all questions of law to be decided by the Court.

20. AMR and American deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations set forth in paragraph 107. AMR and American leave all questions of law to be decided by the Court.

**COUNT TWO**

**CLAIMS FOR WRONGFUL DEATH AND SURVIVAL DAMAGES AGAINST  
THE AIRLINE DEFENDANTS, THE NON-CARRYING AIRLINE DEFENDANTS,  
AND MASSPORT BASED ON NEGLIGENT SELECTION**

21. Answering paragraph 111, AMR and American repeat, reiterate, and reallege each allegation, admission, and denial in paragraphs 1 through 20 of this Master Answer with the same force and effect as if set forth in full herein.

22. AMR and American deny the allegations set forth in paragraphs 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 118, 119, 120 and 121, except AMR and American admit that American had a duty to operate Flight 11 in accordance with federal aviation laws and regulations and AMR and American do not dispute that plaintiffs' decedents were injured and killed as a result of the deliberate acts of terrorists who seized control of the aircraft and intentionally crashed it into the North Tower of the World Trade Center. AMR and American leave all questions of law to be decided by the Court.

23. AMR and American deny the allegations set forth in paragraphs 117, except that AMR and American deny knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations concerning the security system at Portland Jetport set forth in paragraph 117. AMR and American leave all questions of law to be decided by the Court.

**COUNT THREE**

**CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, WRONGFUL DEATH  
AND SURVIVAL DAMAGES AGAINST DEFENDANT  
BOEING BASED ON STRICT TORT LIABILITY**

24. Answering paragraph 122, AMR and American repeat, reiterate and reallege each, allegation, admission, and denial in paragraphs 1 through 23 of this Master Answer with the same force and effect as if set forth in full herein.

25. The allegations in paragraphs 123, 124, 125, 126 and 127 are not directed to AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent those allegations are intended to or can be construed to state a claim against AMR or American, they are denied.

**COUNT FOUR**

**CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, WRONGFUL DEATH  
AND SURVIVAL DAMAGES AGAINST DEFENDANT  
BOEING BASED NEGLIGENT DESIGN**

26. Answering paragraph 128, AMR and American repeat, reiterate and reallege each, allegation, admission, and denial in paragraphs 1 through 25 of this Master Answer with the same force and effect as if set forth in full herein.

27. The allegations in paragraphs 129, 130, 131, 132, 133 and 134 are not directed to AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent those allegations are intended to or can be construed to state a claim against AMR or American, they are denied.

**COUNT FIVE**

**CLAIMS FOR PERSONAL INJURIES, WRONGFUL DEATH  
AND SURVIVAL DAMAGES AGAINST DEFENDANT  
BOEING BASED ON BREACH OF WARRANTY**

28. Answering paragraph 135, AMR and American repeat, reiterate and reallege each, allegation, admission, and denial in paragraphs 1 through 27 of this Master Answer with the same force and effect as if set forth in full herein.

29. The allegations in paragraphs 136, 137, 138 and 139 are not directed to AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent

those allegations are intended to or can be construed to state a claim against AMR or American, they are denied.

**COUNT SIX**

**CLAIMS FOR WRONGFUL DEATH AND SURVIVAL DAMAGES AND  
PERSONAL INJURIES ON BEHALF OF THE TOWER PLAINTIFFS AGAINST THE  
PORT AUTHORITY AND THE BUILDING DEFENDANTS BASED ON NEGLIGENCE**

30. Answering paragraph 140, AMR and American repeat, reiterate, and reallege each allegation, admission, and denial in paragraphs 1 through 29 of this Master Answer with the same force and effect as if set forth in full herein.

31. The allegations in paragraphs 141, 142, 143, 144 and 145 are not directed to AMR and American; therefore, AMR and American make no response to them. To the extent those allegations are intended to or can be construed to state a claim against AMR or American, they are denied.

**COUNT SEVEN**

**CLAIM FOR WRONGFUL DEATH AND SURVIVAL  
DAMAGES BASED ON RES IPSA LOQUITUR**

32. Answering paragraph 146, AMR and American repeat, reiterate, and reallege each allegation, admission, and denial in paragraphs 1 through 31 of this Master Answer with the same force and effect as if set forth in full herein.

33. AMR and American deny the allegations set forth in paragraphs 147 and 148. AMR and American leave all questions of law to be decided by the Court.

**COUNT EIGHT**

**CLAIM FOR NEGLIGENT INFLICTION OF  
EMOTIONAL DISTRESS AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS**

34. Answering paragraph 149, AMR and American repeat, reiterate, and reallege each allegation, admission, and denial in paragraphs 1 through 33 of this Master Answer with the same force and effect as if set forth in full herein.

35. AMR and American deny the allegations in paragraphs 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155 and 156, except that AMR and American admit that American had a duty to operate Flight 11 in accordance with federal aviation laws and regulations.

**COUNT NINE**

**CLAIM FOR PUNITIVE DAMAGES  
AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS**

36. Answering paragraph 157, AMR and American repeat, reiterate, and reallege each allegation, admission, and denial in paragraphs 1 through 35 of this Master Answer with the same force and effect as if set forth in full herein.

37. AMR and American deny the allegations in paragraphs 158 and 159.

**FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

38. The Complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

**SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

39. Public Law 107-42, "The Air Transportation Safety And System Stabilization Act," as amended by Public Law 107-71, "The Aviation and Transportation Security Act," provides an exclusive federal cause of action for all claims arising from the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001.

40. To the extent plaintiffs' Complaint asserts causes of action other than that provided for by this legislation, those causes of action must be dismissed as a matter of law.

**THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

41. Plaintiffs' alleged damages were caused by the unforeseeable, intervening, and/or superseding criminal acts of third parties who were not under the care, custody, control, or supervision of AMR or American; therefore, AMR and American cannot be held liable for plaintiffs' alleged damages.

**FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

42. The Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (Public Law 5-726, 72 Stat. 731, formerly codified as 49 U.S.C. §1301 et seq. now recodified and incorporated into 49 U.S.C. §40101 et seq.), and the federal regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, establish the uniform and exclusive standards that air carriers must follow for aviation safety and security and these federal standards preempt State law standards governing flight operations, passenger screening, maintenance, inspection, flight crew training and in-flight security procedures which plaintiffs allege that AMR and American violated.

43. AMR's and American's compliance with these federal standards preclude a finding of liability against them.

**FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

44. Any of plaintiffs' claims that relate to rates, routes, and services provided by AMR or American are expressly preempted by 49 U.S.C. §41713.

**SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

45. The alleged damages complained of were caused by the negligence or intentional misconduct of parties other than AMR and American and for whom AMR and

American are not responsible; therefore, AMR and American are not liable to plaintiffs or, in the alternative, AMR's and American's liability to plaintiffs, if any, should be reduced in accordance with applicable law.

**SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

46. Plaintiffs and/or the decedents' next of kin named as claimants in the Complaint lack capacity and/or standing to maintain this action.

**EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

47. The alleged damages complained of were not proximately caused by any negligence or culpable conduct on the part of AMR or American, their agents, or employees.

**NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

48. AMR and American are not liable to plaintiffs because AMR and American complied with all applicable government regulations in effect at the time of the events described in the Complaint.

**TENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

49. Plaintiffs' claims based on common law or statutory law of the individual States requiring air carriers to implement security procedures that are different from or inconsistent with the obligations imposed by the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (Public Law 5-726, 72 Stat. 731, formerly codified as 49 U.S.C. § 1301 et seq. and now recodified and incorporated as 49 U.S.C. § 40101 et seq.) and the federal regulations promulgated pursuant thereto are barred by Public Law 107-42, "The Air Transportation Safety And System Stabilization Act," as amended by Public Law 107-71, "The Aviation and Transportation Security Act."

**ELEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

50. Plaintiffs' claims based on common law or statutory law of the individual States requiring air carriers to implement security procedures that are different from or inconsistent with the obligations imposed by the Federal Aviation Act of 1958 (Public Law 5-726, 72 Stat. 731, formerly codified as 49 U.S.C. § 1301 et seq. and now recodified and incorporated as 49 U.S.C. § 40101 et seq.) and the federal regulations promulgated pursuant thereto are barred since compliance with those state laws would constitute an unconstitutional burden on interstate air commerce.

**TWELFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

51. Pursuant to Public Law 107-42, "The Air Transportation Safety And System Stabilization Act," as amended by Public Law 107-71, "The Aviation and Transportation Security Act," recovery by plaintiffs, if any, should be reduced by any collateral source payment that has been or will be paid to plaintiffs in accordance with Section 4545(c) of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules or in accordance with such similar or counterpart principles as may be derived by this Court from New York law.

**THIRTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

52. Pursuant to Public Law 107-42, "The Air Transportation Safety And System Stabilization Act," as amended by Public Law 107-71, "The Aviation and Transportation Security Act," AMR's and American's liability, if any, must be limited in accordance with the provisions of Article 16 of the New York Civil Practice Law and Rules or in accordance with such similar or counterpart principles as may be derived by this Court from New York law.



**FOURTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

53. Pursuant to Public Law 107-42, “The Air Transportation Safety And System Stabilization Act,” as amended by Public Law 107-71, “The Aviation and Transportation Security Act,” if plaintiffs release or enter into a covenant not to sue or enforce a judgment with any other persons claimed to be liable for plaintiffs’ damages, the amount recoverable against AMR and American must be reduced in accordance with Section 15-108 of New York’s General Obligations Law or in accordance with such similar or counterpart principles as may be derived by this Court from New York law.

**FIFTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

54. Pursuant to Public Law 107-42, “The Air Transportation Safety And System Stabilization Act,” as amended by Public Law 107-71, “The Aviation and Transportation Security Act,” if a claim on behalf of plaintiffs’ decedents has been filed with the “September 11th Victim Compensation Fund of 2001,” plaintiffs are barred from filing a civil action to recover damages sustained as a result of the terrorist-related aircraft crashes of September 11, 2001.

**SIXTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

55. Since AMR or American were not in actual possession or control of the aircraft at the time of the crash, AMR’s and American’s liability is limited pursuant to 49 U.S.C.A. § 44112 (2002).

**SEVENTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

56. Public Law 107-42, “The Air Transportation Safety And System Stabilization Act,” as amended by Public Law 107-71, “The Aviation and Transportation

Security Act,” limits the amount of damages recoverable from AMR and American to American’s liability insurance coverage.

**EIGHTEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

57. The Complaint and all causes of action therein should be dismissed on the ground that plaintiffs have failed to join all necessary and indispensable parties.

**NINETEENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

58. The imposition of punitive damages in this case would violate the Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and of Article I, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution because the standards for determining liability for punitive damages and the standards for determining the amount of punitive damages in New York are unduly vague and subjective, and permit retroactive, random, arbitrary and capricious, excessive and disproportionate punishment that serves no legitimate government interest.

**TWENTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

59. The imposition of punitive damages in this case would violate the Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and of Article I, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution because New York’s post-verdict review procedures for scrutinizing punitive damage verdicts do not provide a meaningful constraint on the discretion of juries to impose punishment.

**TWENTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

60. The imposition of punitive damages in this case in the absence of the procedural safeguards accorded to defendants subject to punishment in criminal proceedings, including a reasonable doubt standard of proof, would violate the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth

Amendments and the Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and of Article I, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution.

**TWENTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

61. The imposition of punitive damages in this case based upon a theory of respondeat superior without proof that an officer, director or managing agent of AMR or American acted with the requisite state of mind would violate the Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and of Article I, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution.

**TWENTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

62. The imposition of joint and several liability for punitive damages in this case would violate the Due Process Clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and of Article I, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution.

**TWENTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

63. The imposition of punitive damages in this case would violate the Excessive Fines Clause of the New York State Constitution.

**TWENTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

64. The imposition of punitive damages in this case based upon evidence of defendants' wealth or financial status would violate the Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and of Article I, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution.

**TWENTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

65. The imposition of punitive damages in this case based on the out-of-state conduct, profits and aggregate financial status of defendants would violate the Commerce

Clause, the Equal Protection Clause, and the Privileges and Immunities Clause of the United States Constitution.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

66. The imposition of punitive damages in this case in the absence of a showing of malicious intent to cause harm to the plaintiffs would violate the Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and of Article I, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

67. The imposition of punitive damages in this case pursuant to New York law to punish defendants for conduct that occurred outside of New York would violate the Due Process Clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and of Article I, Section 6 of the New York State Constitution as well as the Commerce Clause of the United States Constitution.

**TWENTY-NINTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

68. Damages, compensatory or punitive, may be barred or limited by applicable state law as may be derived by this Court from New York law, including its choice of law principles.

**THIRTIETH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

69. Plaintiffs' claims for punitive damages have been dismissed by an order of this Court dated July 3, 2007. As such, Plaintiffs' claims for punitive damages are barred.

**THIRTY-FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

70. The Complaint should be dismissed for insufficiency of service of process.

**THIRTY-SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

71. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the applicable statute of limitations.

**THIRTY-THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

72. Plaintiffs' Complaint should be dismissed to the extent that it is based on a right of subrogation, which does not exist under the applicable law.

**THIRTY-FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

73. AMR and American owed no legal duty to the ground damage plaintiffs.

**THIRTY-FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

74. Plaintiffs' Complaint must be dismissed to the extent that relevant evidence required by AMR and American to mount their defense is prohibited from disclosure by 14 C.F.R. § 1520 et seq. as Sensitive Security Information.

**THIRTY-SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

75. Plaintiffs' alleged damages were caused by an act of war.

**THIRTY-SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

76. Plaintiffs' claims are barred by the state secrets doctrine.

**THIRTY-EIGHTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

77. AMR and American reserve the right to add affirmative defenses as necessary based on information obtained during investigation or discovery.

WHEREFORE, AMR and American demand judgment dismissing the Complaint in its entirety or, alternatively, judgment limiting their liability pursuant to the foregoing, together with costs and disbursements and such other and further relief which this Court deems just and proper under the circumstances.

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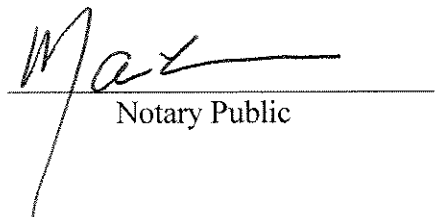
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